



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

MINUTES OF STATE WATER PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

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Idaho Water Center, Boise, Idaho
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The Chairman of the committee, Gary Chamberlain, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Vic Armacost and Leonard Beck were also present.

Staff members present were Brian Patton, Bureau Chief of Planning; Helen Harrington, Planning Section Manager, and Patsy McGourty, Recording Secretary.

Guests in attendance were:

David Blew, Idaho Power Co.	Linda Lemmon, IAA/TSWUA
Kevin Lewis, Idaho Rivers United	Peter Anderson, Trout Unlimited
Shelley Davis, Barker Rosholt	Lynn Tominaga, IGWA
Scott Magnuson, Barker Rosholt	Rich Rigby, USBOR

Agenda Item No. 1, Review of Snake River Basin Policies

Mr. Clive Strong was unable to attend the meeting so the committee did not take up the Snake River Basin Policies. The Chairman began with Section 7.

7B Panhandle Minimum Flows – The committee discussed the section. It was noted that a table and map of streams will be in the Resource Inventory that accompanies this plan. In the comments section a phrase “in the administration of water rights within the Panhandle Basin...” was removed.

7C Panhandle DCMI – The committee noted that statistics quoted in this section are out of date. The population in the Panhandle region has grown faster than expected. These figures will be revised after the resource inventory is done this summer.

7D Panhandle Agriculture Water – The committee noted that agriculture in the Panhandle has not grown, but has probably decreased. There was discussion

There was discussion about the geographical area and its water needs. The population growth is shifting the economy from agriculture to urbanization. Ms. Harrington noted that the State Water Plan has three state divisions: Panhandle, Snake and Bear, but this could be changed to reflect different boundaries, such as watersheds or river basins. Perhaps even regional policies may be needed.

7E Panhandle Navigation – The committee discussed this policy. The phrase “where practical” was added. It was noted that this policy will need to be revisited after decisions are made about the Lime Point issue on the lower Snake River.

Ms. Harrington asked if the committee wanted a policy on the North Idaho Adjudication. Adjudication is actually set forth as a policy under 4K.

Ms. Harrington asked if the committee wanted a policy on water marketing policies. There was discussion about the CAMP process, but it was noted that is largely about water budgeting on the Snake River. Mr. Beck suggested a water marketing policy that included water bank, rental pools and other mechanisms in a new section. Ms. Harrington stated that other states have strategies that are not used in Idaho. She will furnish the committee with a briefing memo on this topic.

Agenda Item No. 2. Future Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is set for May 9 at 1:00 p.m. in Twin Falls.

Agenda Item No. 3. Assignments/Actions

1. Staff will prepare a new version and post on the website.
2. Request presentation by Office of the Attorney General regarding flows at Milner Dam.
3. Staff will provide copies of Dr. Christian Petrich’s Lime Point material to subcommittee at the next meeting.

Dated this _____ day of March 2008.

Patsy McGourty
Administrative Assistant II